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Mr. Jack Weintraub, President
Teamsters Local 85
490 Folsom Street
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Dear Mr. Weintraub:

I am writing in response to your message of December 18 to Secretary Muskie concerning the Korean opposition leader Kim Dae Jung.

As you know President Chun has commuted and reduced the original sentences against Mr. Kim and his co-defendants on January 23. We welcomed his decision and are pleased by the spirit of reconciliation embodied in his action.

I appreciate your interest in Korean affairs and the opportunity to respond to your views.

Sincerely,

Robert G. Rich
Director of Korean Affairs

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